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CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for chaining applications, comprising:
2 receiving a request for a service associated with a
3 chaining module;
4 receiving a series of applications from an option
5 corresponding to the chaining module; and
6 executing the series of applications in order and
7 passing the output of each application to the input of
8 the next application in the series.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the service is
2 registered in a properties file as a name associated with
3 the chaining module.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the option is
2 specified in the properties file.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the series of
2 applications comprises a first application and a second
3 application and the step of executing the series of
4 applications comprises:
5 executing the first application;
6 passing the output of the first application to the
7 input of the second application; and
8 executing the second application.

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1 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the step of executing
2 the series of applications further comprises:
3 returning the output of the second application.

1 6. The method of claim 4, wherein the first application
2 is a customer verification application.

1 7. The method of claim 6, wherein the second
2 application is a language translation engine.

1 8. The method of claim 4, wherein the first application
2 and the second application are language translation
3 engines.

1 9. An apparatus for chaining applications, comprising:
2 first receipt means for receiving a request for a
3 service associated with a chaining module;
4 second receipt means for receiving a series of
5 applications from an option corresponding to the chaining
6 module; and
7 execution means for executing the series of
8 applications in order and passing the output of each
9 application to the input of the next application in the
10 series.

1 10. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the service is
2 registered in a properties file as a name associated with

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3 the chaining module.

1 11. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the option is
2 specified in the properties file.

1 12. An apparatus for chaining applications, comprising:
2 a first application;
3 a second application;
4 a chaining module, wherein the chaining module
5 receives an option that identifies a series of
6 applications comprising the first application and the
7 second application, executes the first application,
8 passes the output of the first application to the input
9 of the second application, and executes the second
10 application.

1 13. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the option is
2 specified in a properties file.

1 14. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the chaining
2 module returns the output of the second application.

1 15. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the first
2 application is a customer verification application.

1 16. The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the second
2 application is a language translation engine.

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1 17. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the first
2 application and the second application are language
3 translation engines.

1 18. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the first
2 application and the second application implement an
3 interface.

1 19. The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the chaining
2 module implements the interface.

1 20. A computer program product, in a computer readable
2 medium, for chaining applications, comprising:
3 instructions for receiving a request for a service
4 associated with a chaining module;
5 instructions for receiving a series of applications
6 from an option corresponding to the chaining module; and
7 instructions for executing the series of
8 applications in order and passing the output of each
9 application to the input of the next application in the
10 series.